



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5296

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Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
(GL)

**AN ACT CONCERNING BUSINESSES THAT MAKE CERTAIN
UNSOLICITED AND INTENTIONALLY MISLEADING TELEPHONE
CALLS TO CONSUMERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) No person, as defined
2 in section 1-1 of the general statutes, shall (1) knowingly make an
3 unsolicited business telephone call to a consumer using a caller
4 identification service or device that transmits misleading or inaccurate
5 caller identification information to the recipient of the telephone call
6 with the intent to defraud or cause harm to such recipient, or (2)
7 having made such unsolicited business telephone call to a consumer,
8 fail to maintain an active consumer response telephone line for
9 consumer questions and complaints.
- 10 (b) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this
11 section shall have engaged in an unfair or deceptive act or practice in
12 the conduct of trade or commerce under chapter 735a of the general
13 statutes.
- 14 (c) Any person having knowledge of a violation of subsection (a) of

15 this section may report all facts and information in such person's
16 possession concerning such violation to the Attorney General. The
17 Attorney General may review such facts and information and
18 investigate as he or she deems proper regarding such facts and
19 information and any other information that may be reasonably derived
20 from such report. If the Attorney General takes action against any
21 person for violating the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the
22 person who reported such violation shall be awarded one-half of any
23 monetary fines or settlement recovered by the Attorney General from
24 the violator.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2015	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To protect consumers by making certain unsolicited and intentionally misleading business calls an unfair trade practice and to provide financial incentives for consumers to report such unfair trade practices to the Attorney General.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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